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SUBJECT: CHADIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON AF/W

REFS: A) STATE 154484, B) STATE 157286, C) NDJAMENA 1716

1. JULY 7, CHADIAN AMBASSADOR TOURA GABA CALLED ON AF/W DIRECTOR FOR TOUR D'HORIZON BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR NDJAMENA THAT EVENING. THREE SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. WITH REGARD TO TOURA GABA'S REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE TO MOVE FOODSTUFFS IN CHAD (REF A), WE REPLIED THAT OUR INFORMATION SHOWED SITUATION NOT CRITICAL ENOUGH TO WARRANT THIS EXPENSIVE AND INEFFICIENT MEANS OF DISTRIBUTION. WE NOTED PRINCIPAL BOTTLENECK APPEARED TO BE AT CAMEROON RAILHEAD AT NGAOUNDERE, BUT THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS BEING GIVEN TO OVERCOMING THIS OBSTACLE. WITH REGARD TO CHAD'S REQUIREMENTS IN VIEW OF REBEL SITUATION IN NORTH, WE OUTLINED US POSITION ALONG LINES REF B. TOURA GABA SEEMED UNAWARE THAT CHADIAN PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT WERE CONSIDERING VISITS TO WASHINGTON ON VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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SHORT NOTICE. FINALLY, WE NOTED PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR REPORTED PARA 2, REF C TO CONCENTRATE US ASSISTANCE EFFORTS ON LAKE CHAD AREA AND TO REDUCE ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE. WE COMMENTED THAT GIVEN PRESENT SITUATION IN CHAD WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT

CHADIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT REJECT ASSISTANCE FROM ANY

QUARTER, PARTICULARLY ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO FURTHER CHADIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHADIAN AUTHORITIES. WE SUGGESTED TOURA GABA LOOK INTO THE SITUATION ON HIS RETURN TO NDJAMENA AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST CORRECTLY.

2. COMMENT: TOURA GABA WAS EITHER UNINFORMED OR UNCOMMUNICATIVE AND, IN ANY CASE, UNCONCERNED ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION IN CHAD.

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